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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :
Manabu OUMI et al. :
Serial No. 09/462,437 : Group Art Unit - 2653
Filed: May 16, 2000 : Examiner - Kimlien T. Le
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
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In response to the final Office Action dated
February 3, 2003, applicants amend their application as
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 2-18 and 21-31 without
prejudice or admission.

Kindly amend claims 1 and 19 by rewriting them in
amended form as follows:

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